



State of  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

John Hoeven  
Governor

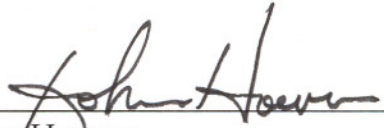
PROCLAMATION  
**LAW DAY**  
MAY 1, 2009

**WHEREAS**, this country was founded on the principle that voluntary adherence to the rule of law expands, rather than limits, the opportunities for freedom; and

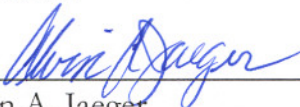
**WHEREAS**, a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law Day 2009 theme, *A Legacy of Liberty – Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial*, encourages all Americans to explore the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as one of our nation's greatest and most eloquent presidents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2009, **LAW DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State